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Sir:

This replies to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed on February 16, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows: